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Meeting of Miroslav HOPPE and
Martin GONDA

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1. On 24 July Colonel Miroslav HOPPE, Czech Military Attache to Belgium, met at the Czech Legation one Martin GONDA, a Czech subject who had been summoned to the Legation on an administrative matter. HOPPE knew GONDA well and invited him to the HOPPE residence for a drink.

2. After several drinks HOPPE asked GONDA if he would, as a favor, try to obtain several copies of a newspaper called Bohemia, published in Germany by a Czech emigre organization. According to HOPPE, the emigre organization was controlled by the United States, England and France and was headed by a dissident Czech general, Lev PRCHALA, who was actually in London. PRCHALA's son, said HOPPE, was an English liaison officer and had spent several months in Belgium in 1947 trying to organize Eastern emigre groups.

3. HOPPE indicated that Prague was very anxious to have copies of this publication and that he, himself, had been unable to obtain copies. GONDA promised to do what he could. HOPPE assured GONDA that if he accomplished this mission, he, HOPPE, would be extremely grateful and would smooth out GONDA's family difficulties in Czechoslovakia.

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